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A Bonus for Georgians

ANNOUNCEMENT by Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent last June that the Federal Government would grant \$7,100,000 annually to Canadian universities was hailed with delight by officers of Sir George Williams College.

During the 1951-52 session, the college should be receiving something in the neighborhood of \$70,000 as its share of the national grant. This figure is based on the announcement that Quebec province would be allotted 50 cents for each of its 4,000,000 residents. There are some 20,000 students in the five Quebec universities, which would receive about \$2,000,000, or \$100 a student.

Actually the amount per student is expected to be somewhere nearer \$90. The college enrolment of 750 full-time day division students last year leads to the estimate that the grant to Sir George Williams will be \$70,000.

The natural question arises as to what aid is to be provided the college in consideration of the extra 1,000 or so men and women who are studying toward their degrees in the Evening Division. For the moment no consideration is being given the presence of these students, since the Federal Government has stipulated that aid will be given on behalf of full-time day students, but the door has been left open for further negotiation.

The government hopes to distribute the bulk of the \$7,100,000 grant before Christmas. Dr. G. P. Gilmour, of McMaster University, representing the National Conference of Canadian Universities, was told when he visited Ottawa to discuss the grants. The forthcoming money was hailed as a "godsend" by President A. H. S. Gillson, of the University of Manitoba, and Principal F. Cyril James, of McGill University, said he was "delighted." The National Conference has argued for federal aid for a long time and to it must go a great deal of credit for the grant.

Achievement of a respected place in Canadian education by Sir George Williams College is acknowledged in the fact that the college will share in the federal funds. Although probably the youngest of all the 20 Canadian universities which will receive part of the grant, Sir George Williams is recognized as a degree-granting institution by the Quebec Provincial Government, from which it obtained a charter only a few years ago, and by the National Conference, of which it has been cordially received as a member.

Prime Minister St. Laurent, in announcing the grants, said that they were intended to assist the universities to maintain the highly-qualified staff and working conditions which are essential. The motto is: "Maintain quality rather than increase facilities."

Decision of the Federal Government to make the grants brings about the long-awaited implementation of one of the two principal recommendations of the Massey Commission on the Arts, Letters and Sciences with regard to universities.

The commission bluntly told Canadians that their universities face a financial crisis. At the very moment when costs of university operation were soaring all along the line, the federal aid which came in the form of payments on behalf of veterans who were enrolled as students ended.

Disturbed by the small percentage of high school students going through university, the commission also recommended several types of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate scholars. It is dangerous, said the commission's report, to allow a large proportion of students to abandon school before college because they cannot afford to go on.

Undergraduate assistance, said the commission, should include: 100 annual four-year "Canada Scholarships" worth \$1,000 for students of exceptional promise; 250 "national scholarships" annually of \$500, for "distinguished and promising students"; 2,000 \$500-a-year bursaries, good for four years, for "able and diligent" students on the basis of need; a loan fund for all students whose work is acceptable to university authorities.

The Prime Minister intimated that later the Government would consider implementing these recommendations also. And wisely so, for there is little use raising the quality of university education if students cannot afford that education.

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A National Waste

Broadcast by Dr. K. E. Norris
Principal Sir George Williams College

IN CONNECTION with Education Week, the National Committee for the week published a folder showing, among other things, what happens to every 100 Canadian children who start elementary school. The fact that only 25 of these children eventually graduate from high school is a startling circumstance, but in my opinion, the most impressive of the statistics presented is that only *one* of them eventually graduates from college or university.

Yet we know that, so far as sheer intellectual ability to do so is concerned, 25 out of that 100 could graduate from a four-year college or university, and a much larger proportion could benefit from a two-year college, or junior college as it is called in some places. This suggestion may seem extreme, but don't forget — I said "so far as sheer intellectual ability is concerned" — without considering interest, incentive, perseverance, personality adjustment, vocational goal, reading ability, or any one of the dozen other characteristics which determine success or failure in college or indeed whether a person goes to college at all or not.

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But, to me, the fact that so small a proportion of each generation goes to college or university represents a terrific waste of our natural resources — a waste from the social or national point of view, and a waste in terms of personal lives which are not enabled to develop to their full potentiality.

I don't mean that many people who could become engineers, doctors, clergymen, school teachers or members of other professions, do not do so, although that is one *very important* aspect of the problem. Perhaps they don't *want to anyway*, and there is no good reason why they should if they do not want to. But, apart altogether from vocational or professional ends, I believe that it is good for the individual to develop *his* powers to the fullest extent possible, to achieve his maximum in enlightenment, awakened intelligence, at-homeness with the world of nature, of men, and of ideas — to become one with what is and has been best in our civilization, to be able to contribute to it if he can.

College or university is not the only way by which a person can do this — some of our best educated men and women *never did* go to College. More credit to them. But you can detect, doubtless, in my few remarks, the conviction regarding this matter which is the primary purpose behind the Evening College Division of Sir George Williams College and its desire to assist working people with college-grade brains to develop those gifts which they may possess. Indeed, the same might be said of our whole evening education program, at whatever level may be appropriate, be it college, high school, or even lower.

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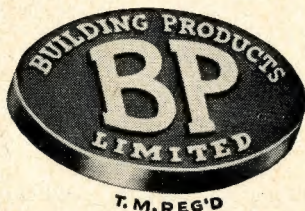
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THE unique place of Sir George Williams College in Montreal education was stressed by Dr. F. Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University, in an address before the Canadian Club at Montreal.

"Montreal differs from Toronto in many things, but in none more markedly than in its ability to profit from a diversity of institutions and cultures, weaving each of them into the rich web of its metropolitan life," said Dr. James.

He then asked his listeners if they realized that Montreal is the only city in Canada that has five independent universities, including Sir George Williams College which "has developed out of the magnificent effort of the Y.M.C.A. to provide part-time education to those ambitious young men and women who could not afford the cost of a full-time university course."

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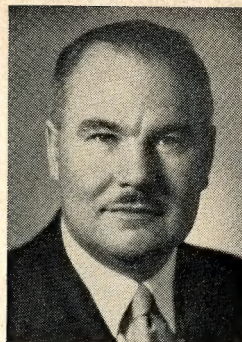
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THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

A Bright Future

By Dr. KENNETH E. NORRIS

Principal, Sir George Williams College



AS THIS goes to press, the College is in the throes of preparation for the 1951-52 academic year. Old grads will remember what that involves for the staff, for former students, and for prospective students. It is even more hectic now, when our total enrolment is over 3,000 in the college, double the 1945 figure, not to mention another 2,600 in the schools.

The largest summer session since the inauguration of this project as a wartime measure ten years ago, has just been concluded. There were 909 students registered in the college (677 in the schools) taxing the capacity of the plant almost as heavily in the summer as in the winter.

Speaking of plant, the Planning Committee of the College Board of Governors, together with the Survey Committee of the Metropolitan Board (which is also the Corporation of the College) is still hard at work, and making good progress in the direction of the new building which graduates and students have been talking about for a long time. The post-war educational "boom" seems to have passed in most institutions of higher education. Our registration has apparently stabilized itself at a little below the peak in the Day Division, but continues to advance to the limit of our accommodation in the Evening. The planning bodies are thus assured that our recent growth has not been a mushroom result of post-war conditions, and are able to project the trend into the future with some degree of certainty. The time is most certainly not far distant when the full support of the Alumni will be urgently required and more than welcome.

An unexpected benefit from our recently acquired membership in the National Conference of Canadian Universities will apparently accrue this year in the fact that the College will automatically be on the list to receive federal government subsidy for "full-time day university students." Such financial assistance was not the purpose of our seeking membership three years ago in this body, but it is a by-product very welcome under present conditions.

Enrolment, plant and finance do not make up the college, however important they may be. But within the confines of the space allowed me by your editor, perhaps they may serve this time to indicate that life still stirs at Sir George, and that the future should be just as stimulating as the past has been.

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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Wanted: Critics

By **CHARLES NICHOLS**

President, Association of Alumni

Sir George Williams College

THIS is the third issue of The Postgrad, which has now taken the place of our former Quarterly News-Letter. I am sure you agree with me that the editors have done a magnificent job and are to be congratulated upon it. I feel that The Postgrad is one of the most important media for keeping in continuous contact with all our graduates.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a report of what took place at the last meeting of your executive. The reason for publishing this report is to give you an idea as to what we are planning for this fall and coming winter.

In these pages you will also read an appeal asking your continued support of the Georgian Grad Fund. Through The Postgrad, our activities throughout the year and The Georgian Grad Fund, the executive is attempting to maintain at a high level our grads' interest in their alma mater.

However, the executive cannot do the work alone. I am sure there are certain things which some graduates disapprove of and others you might want to change or expand. Without hearing from you, without your help and constructive criticism, we do not know whether you approve or disapprove of the work we are trying to do.

Some of you may have something in mind which could be of help to us, but do not know how to go about it. Let us do the following: if you want to help, or if you have something you want to discuss and feel it will be of benefit to our association, contact me and come to our next executive meeting. In order to build up a strong Association of Alumni, we need all the support you can give us.

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Humanism Between Covers

By FRANK STANNARD

IT will be news to most alumni that Prof. Claude W. Thompson, senior humanities professor at Sir George Williams College, has written a book. It is called "Humanism in Action." Since practically every graduate of Sir George has at one time sat at the feet of Professor Thompson, we are presenting this review in the knowledge that it will be of great interest to all.

It is often of interest to the reader to find out why a book is written. Apart from any obvious purpose that may be apparent from reading the book itself, there is often some idea which germinates and grows, developing into the final accomplishment of a written work.

Your reviewer was fortunate in that he was able to contact the author personally, and from the ensuing conversation the following ideas crystallized.

The humanities originated some fifteen years ago at Sir George Williams College as a pandemic course, incorporating the study of philosophy, literature and the fine arts. These subjects were taken by Professor Currie (now of McGill), Professor Thompson and Mr. Clarke (familiarily known as Doug).

Subsequent to the departure of Professor Currie, the load was carried by Professors Thompson and Clarke for the next ten years, at which time the additional subject of religion was incorporated and the staff was extended to include Dean Hall and Mr. Fraser.

But it was felt that the multiplicity of instructors tended to produce discontinuity and lack of relationship between the various subjects in the course. Consequently Professor Thompson has en-

deavoured to gather the subjects together under one "roof," so to speak.

During the years, Professor Thompson had accumulated considerable material on the subject. He had discussions with many outstanding thinkers, including such well-known persons as Reiser, Davis and G. B. Shaw.

The book therefore contains the essence of ideas collected by the author from discussion, reading and study, combined with pertinent thoughts from the originator himself.

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THE author, in his foreword to the reader, describes the contents as "a new philosophy — one which will not be applicable to the world as it is today, one which will not be afraid to question the most sacred of the old tenets, nor hesitate to envision new possibilities in the light of new conditions."

Under this evaluation, the politicians of the present world might well read this book to considerable advantage. However, the author states that it is intended largely for the individual. This viewpoint becomes a necessity when one considers the fact that the humanist trend of thought teaches that it is upon the individual primarily that the onus rests, to improve the existing conditions, and to lead the world towards that utopia which has been the dream of common man from time immemorial.

Humanism takes the attitude that has been the teaching of many religions and many wise men down through the ages that every individual has it in his power to influence either for good or evil, and to a greater or lesser degree according to his conscious effort, the progress of civilization. To quote Professor Thompson: "above all, the humanist believes that man IS struggling upward; that 'the march of progress' is no idle dream; that

FRANK STANNARD, B.Sc. '45, once edited the old Quarterly News-Letter and is an assistant engineer with the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, Montreal. For other news of Frank's achievements (he admits to being something of a poet), see Strictly Personal in this issue.

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in the end man will achieve the brotherhood of man."

"The Brotherhood of Man" becomes then the goal towards which the humanist is continually striving, believing that in his small way he may contribute something to that end, hoping that his solitary hand-cut stone, added to the contributions of the rest of humanity, will in the final analysis create a beautiful cathedral symbolic of a perfect civilization.

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BUT what are the tools with which the humanist will fashion his contribution? They are the heart, the mind and the body with which he was endowed at birth. However, just as an artisan can produce poor or good work in proportion to the *quality* of his tools, so the results of the humanist's efforts will be determined by the quality of the heart, mind and body which is to be used to create his contribution to society at large. He must himself determine the quality of the tools he uses. Therefore the humanist

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must begin work on himself first. He must improve himself in mind by searching the past for knowledge—knowledge of facts and values obtained from a history of “what has been.”

“Values” are the equipment with which the Humanist improves his heart. These may be obtained from a study of history and religion. Primarily they may be defined as “what derives the most good for the most people.”

The importance of improving his body is consequently obvious. “Mens sana in corpore sano” is a byword for many an educational institution today.

Professor Thompson then goes on to discuss, under various chapter headings, the subjects of education, self, civilization in general, religion, marriage and the home, and finally science, in their relation to the humanistic way of thought. He provided, for this reader at least, many new ideas and new approaches to a study of the past with a view to the improvement of the present and the future. It was for me a revisit to the halls of the humanities lectures, together with the addition of several new elements which were either ignored or not absorbed during that time; and altogether it provided several hours of interesting, entertaining and enlightening reading.

To quote the professional reviewers, the book should be considered as “recommended readings,” and perhaps the greatest recommendation that I can give it is to say that I have bought the book myself!

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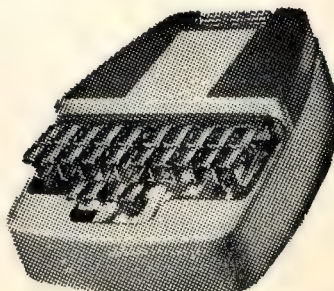
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DURING the summer, members of the faculty of Sir George Williams College met and formed an organization known as the Sir George Williams Association of University Teachers. Prof. William R. Fraser was elected president, and the chairman was Associate Prof. H. F. Quinn, who has been given a year's leave of absence in order to pursue Ph.D. studies at Columbia University.

The group appointed the following committee members to draft a detailed constitution: Assistant Professors Donald L. Peets and Mrs. Wynne Francis. Ex-officio members of the committee are the three senior professors: S. Madras, natural sciences; J. W. Bridges, social sciences; and C. W. Thompson, humanities.

The meeting gave approval to the formation of a Canadian Association of University Teachers, which was expected to be formed at forthcoming meeting of faculty members from universities throughout Canada.

Other positions on the executive of the group were given to Prof. George O. Rothney as vice-president and Edward McCullough as secretary-treasurer.

Amos Saunders, B.A., F.R. Econ. S., one-time Associate Professor of Social Sciences at S.G.W.C., has been named headmaster of the Evening High School.

Mr. Saunders was educated in Yorkshire, and graduated from the University of Yales, majoring in history, economics, and political science. He is a life Fellow of the Royal Economic Society.

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Thy quaking heart does not easily betray
The inner flame of passion and desire
Which once we knew as coupled to display
The priceless treasure of our bonded life.

Out of the melancholy of troubled mind,
Through ringing visions of starlit space,
My soul has winged its lonely way
In search of some distant home, a place
Where tears are marks of self-discovery.

In that suspended state of gripping ecstasy
My soul thrills to the heart-piercing strains
Hitherto unheard in dull monotonies of life,
Which truth, in search of higher things, disdains,
Seeking, rather, surcease in man-struggles here.

I would not have thee think that love,
That golden hope of all men's searching dreams,
Is beyond my yearning and my ken,
For, though ambition oft tears at the seams
Of reason, I know what power me inspires.

Men cannot say, in truth, that love is not enough,
For thou hast ever proved that is not so
I need not try, in ruthless self-despair,
To plow my penny-thoughts in even row
With the pregnant seed of thy simplicity.

As thou, in the pure dignity of innocence,
Upholding spirit-beauty as most blessed,
Hast given me goals of worth exceeding
Those which come on the highest spirit-crest,
I cannot venture condemnation now.

Rather must I, while admitting love,
Cling to that urge which came between
Our love and a larger aim of life,
Cutting swiftly earth-bonds, though unseen,
And raising soul to spirit-planes above.

Raptured through the mind of me becomes
When steeped in contemplation of our love,
It still, though oft unwillingly, retains
A concept of life-duty as ranged above
The minor call of men to increase fame.

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Yet midst the blinding surge
Of mounting insight which oft confounds
My aching heart, insistent memory recalls
Love-spoken whispers, then fever-pounds
The pulse with visions of blissful co-desire.

There is no fibre of all my distraught soul,
My love, which does not breathe of debts
I owe to thy prayer-bought faith in me;
In day-long work my whole life lets
No thought of ingratitude creep in.

It is for all these reasoned thoughts, and more,
That I now frame these words, this final letter,
And dispatch it, trembling as I act,
To thee, sealing it with hope that better
Thou might'st understand my inner feeling.

You will remember, love, that when fate
Decreed that we two should fall together
That I had no ambition which was higher
Than to please my fellow-man and brother
And earn the incentive lauding of them all.

Believe not cruel thanklessness then, love,
That I should say now that that ambition
Was far less worthy of myself and thee,
And falls mightily below that inspiration
Which now has burst through my defences.

Call it vanity, call it any despised
Name that thy grievous injury dost rate,
Yet spare me but this one kind thought:
My first desire has been that bitter spate
Shall not mar the memory of our love.

Now, my dearest love, the direst loss
That ever one did suffer, make no reply,
But hold this note close to thy heart
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University Enrolment Declines

A PRESS survey indicates there will be less freshmen at Canada's universities this year. One of the reasons for the drop is the increase in fees caused by the higher operating costs. Another reason is the nearly complete disappearance of the student veteran. In New Brunswick, high schools have added a fifth year, which will cause a decline in new college students in that province.

University of Toronto is expecting the biggest drop — 1,500 less than last year, bringing its enrolment down to about 11,000.

Montreal's four major universities anticipate only a small decrease. Enrolments are expected as follows: McGill, 6,900; U. of M., 6,330; S.G.W.C., 3,111; Loyola, 950.

Each of the above four increased fees by 10 per cent. And each reports a higher

than usual number of applications for the Faculty of Commerce.

The University of Western Ontario expects an enrolment close to last year's 4,372. Queen's expects slightly less than last year's 2,308.

In the west, U.B.C. expects to drop 1,000 to 5,500; U. of Alberta down 400 to 3,300; U. of Saskatchewan, down 100 to 2,500; U. of Manitoba, just less than last year's 5,174.

Newfoundland's only university, Memorial U. at St. John's, expects to reverse the trend and exceed last year's 400.

Laval, celebrating its centenary, is expecting an increase of 200-300 over last year's total of 3,700.

Carleton College, Ottawa is increasing its fees by 20 per cent., which is expected to reduce evening student registration.

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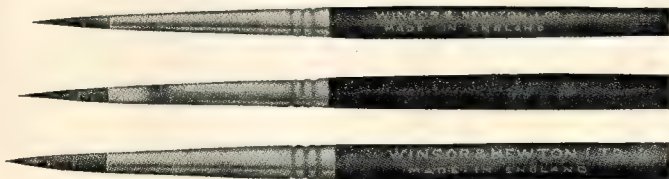
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Nickel Gobblers

By FERGUS CRONIN

BONGO Bongo Bongo is supposed to belong to the Congo. But so-called civilization has its own version of it which is every bit as wild and makes perhaps less sense.

It is the deafening clatter of bells, gongs and buzzers arising into the stratosphere from the millions of pin-ball machines across the nation.

For those unfamiliar with the term "pin-ball machine," I will try to explain. Do you remember those simple little marble games you used to play when you were a child? You put a marble in a slot on the right-hand side of a little slanted board, pull back a spring and the marble is shot up to roll down the board, rolling into one or other of several numbered holes.

It's the same principle, multiplied to the degree of 10,000 and electrified.

When I last played one of those nickel-gobblers it was still a relatively simple contraption. You put your nickel in a slot, pushed it home and you had five strike balls to shoot, one by one.

Instead of the numbered holes there were lights, surrounded by a coiled spring. Every time the ball hit a spring, 100 points or so would be recorded on an upright panel at the top of the table. If you got a certain score, you were rewarded with one or more free games.

★ ★ ★

TODAY various other gadgets have been added to make the playing of a pin-ball machine an exciting, if frustrating, experience. Apart from the

spring-enclosed lights, there are now various other holes for the balls to fall into and be shot out of, levers which react violently to speed the ball in another direction and, most wonderful of all, little "flippers" which the player can operate himself by buttons at the side of the box to knock the ball back up the board.

Added to this are at least seven other kinds of bells and buzzers, and each machine has its own specific gadgets to gladden the heart of any player, young or old.

And the numbers! No longer is 100 enough to dozzle the jaded player of today. On most machines 10,000 is the minimum. It is not unusual to need four million to be eligible for a free game.

In England I was fascinated by a comparatively simple machine which played a record if you hit a certain score. I came across a machine in Quebec recently which goes even further. It gives you a miniature boxing match when you strike certain buttons and combinations. Two two-inch metal figures in the centre of a tiny boxing ring in the middle of the table suddenly spring to life and swing their arms, one of them falling on his back, while a referee standing nearby begins to mark the count with his arm.

Then the dowed boxer jumps back again, ready for the next round which is punctuated by a thunderous "boom". It is unfortunate that it is always the same fighter knocked down.

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BUT playing pin-ball it not a mere matter of pulling a little lever or even working the flippers these days. One must grunt, push from side to side with

FERGUS CRONIN, B.A. '48, was on the staff of The Montreal Star as a reporter for four years after finishing a wartime overseas hitch in the R.C.A.F., during which he flew many missions. Then he was editor of the Rouyn-Noranda Press for a year, and recently he became a copy editor with The Globe and Mail, Toronto.

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the head and shoulders, use the knees and, on occasion, when you are expert and know just how much the machine will take before all the lights go out and a large, accusing "TILT" appears on the panel, jolt the table ever-so-slightly to knock the ball into a 100,000 hole or light.

When you are quite expert you no longer pull back the hammer. You rap it with the heel of your hand. This is no advantage, but it gives you the appearance of a master. Another thing you must never do if you want to appear experienced — never indicate that you are enjoying yourself.

Expert pin-ballers play with a dead pan, as if they were waiting momentarily for a phone call. Expert pin-ball spectators even give a cold stare to any player who chortles or whoops when he strikes a high score. It just isn't done, old man.

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For some reason, probably because the son of a Member of Parliament was spending all his allowance on such contraptions, there is a law forbidding minors to play pin-ball machines. But, in Quebec at least, it is apparently for the most part ignored.

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PLAYING one of these machines recently — purely for research, you understand — I was surprised to find I had an audience of several little school-boys who politely waited until I was through before proceeding to show me how it was done. The first one, with his first nickel, won four free games.

I read aloud a little sign under the glass which said "Minors Not Allowed to Play This Machine."

"What does that mean?" I asked.

"I don't know," replied one young player, 11 or 12 years old.

"It means," said a companion of his, "that if you work in a mine you can't play the machine."

"Why would that be?"

"I don't know. Maybe minors are too strong and break it too easily."

"It doesn't mean kids can't play, I don't suppose?"

"Oh, no. Kids are not allowed to play in Ontario, though. But here it's all right."

We finally agreed that maybe minors did not refer to miners, but to children under the age of 12. The players, I was assured, were all over that age.

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Strictly Personal

OUR ALUMNI, apparently, are no exception when it comes to being sticklers for tradition. During June and July — the two most popular months for the ringing of wedding bells — we had our share of marriages. Noteworthy was the fact that a large percentage of those who made the trek to the altar were graduates of 1951. Indicative, no doubt, that Georgian Grads consider the state of wedded bliss the reward for the successful completion of their final exams! Well, here we go on the latest round-up of "strictly personal," but let's all remember, shall we, that this column depends upon your contributions of news.

1940

Miss Phyllis M. Maher, B.A. '40, also a graduate of the University of Montreal, has been appointed principal of Notre Dame des Neiges School, Montreal.

1942

Mrs. N. Jack Shuster (Roslyn Gurburg), B.Sc. '42, is the mother of a son, born May 18, 1951, in the Jewish General Hospital, Montreal.

1943

Wilfred W. McCutcheon, B.Sc. '43, B.A. '44, received a doctorate degree at the 1951 convocation of Cornell University.

1945

Frank Stannard, B.Sc. '45, is the father of a daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, born Aug. 19, 1951.

Ralph L. Pelley, B.Sc. '45, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Ohio State University in June, 1951.

1946

Anne C. Stewart, B.A. '46, has been appointed a supervising assistant with the Greater Montreal Protestant School Board.

E. G. Lomas, B.Sc. '46, is now a telecommunications branch head at Air Material Command, HQ, RCAF, Ottawa, Ont.

Dr. Rolf M. Hochester, B.Sc. '46, is now a research officer with the Division of Applied Biology, National Research Council, Ottawa. His wife, the former

Marcia Getz, B.A. '43, is a social worker with the Children's Aid Society, Ottawa.

1947

Mrs. J. Urbain Moreau (Louissette Rousseau), B.Sc. '47, her husband and two children are now living in Three Rivers, Que.

Stanley G. Matthews, B.A. '47, editor of The Postgrad, has been appointed a member of the Committee on Publications and the Presbyterian Record Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for a three-year term.

J. Adrien Leduc, B.Sc. '47, and his wife, the former Miss E. Rode, are living in New York City where Adrien is doing commercial research work.

1948

Audrey B. Cowper, B.A. '48, was married on Sept. 22 to John R. Warren, a graduate of McGill University in civil engineering.

Fergus Cronin, B.A. '48, for the last year editor of the Rouyn-Noranda Press, Rouyn, Que., is now a copy editor with The Globe and Mail, Toronto.

1949

Michael J. McFall, B.Com. '49, was married on June 16 to Dorothy E. Shea.

Clinton Vance Robertson, B.A. '49, and Bernice E. Chevalier, B.A. '51, were married on Sept. 15.

1950

Charles F. Davis, B.A. '50, and Dorothy B. Smith were married in mid-September at Morrisburg, Ont.

Vernon Davies, B.Sc. '50, was married on Sept. 22 to Louise Rossi.

Malcolm K. E. Moore, B.Sc. '50, and Inez E. Taylor, secretary to Dr. Kenneth Norris, principal of Sir George Williams College, were married early in August.

Roger H. C. Verschingel, B.Sc. '50, has been awarded a National Research Council scholarship, valued at \$90, for 1951-52.

Hy Harris, R. Com. '50, and Nettie Faierman, an arts student at McGill University, were married on Sept. 16.

Guy F. Wilkins, B.Sc. '50, and Agnes J. Lavalley were married recently.

1951

William J. Mills, B.Sc. '51, and Edna M. Thomas, a graduate of the School for Teachers, Macdonald College, were married on Aug. 11, 1951.

Lorraine Pedvis, B.A. '51, and Jack Lightstone, a law graduate of McGill University, are engaged to be married.

Brian H. Taylor, B.A. '51, and Jane E. Bird were married early in August.

Margery S. Palmer, B.A. '51, was married in mid-September to Stanley W. Holmes, M.Sc. (McGill), who is studying toward a Ph. D. degree at Cornell.

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Good News from The Executive

BIG things are in store for Georgian Grads. And to plan for those events an important meeting of the executive of the Association of Alumni of Sir George Williams College was held on Sept. 6.

First project is a "movie night" similar to the one which was such a success last year. The executive discarded a suggestion that there be an admission fee, so when you receive your announcement of the evening—remember it's all yours and it's all free.

But the big news is of an event for alumni next spring which we are free only to hint at now. When we say "big," we mean BIG—so watch The Postgrad for further word.

Dr. Howard Dundass, chairman of the Grad Fund, reported on the Fund. While individual gifts have been of a

fair size, the over-all response has been poor, the dentist told the group.

He suggested further efforts be made to solicit contributions from all grads—but in view of the fact that regular mailings concerning the Fund are continuing to be made, the onus for keeping the Grad Fund a worthwhile project is still up to you, dear reader-alumnus.

The Postgrad editor's report on the last issue, July, 1951, was felt to be "encouraging" to the executive. "The Postgrad is an excellent medium of contact with the members of the association," said the executive formally, then expressed its appreciation to The Postgrad editorial staff for its work. Gordon Donaldson moved that The Postgrad committee be "highly commended" and this was seconded by Dr. Dundass and passed.

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Summer Students Increase

THIS past summer term there were 909 students enrolled in the college evening courses, compared to 761 last summer. Many were from American and other Canadian universities. There were also some local school teachers working toward senior teaching diplomas.

The most popular courses were "reading courses" in English and other languages. The arts courses were more popular than the science courses. Examinations were held early in September.

Professor Smith Dies

M. R. Smith, M.A., assistant professor of mathematics at Sir George Williams College died on June 24, 1951 at his home, 3784 Melrose Avenue, Montreal. Burial took place in Montreal Memorial Park Cemetery.

Born in Grand Forks, N.D., 50 years ago, Professor Smith was educated in

Winnipeg and at McGill. At Edinburgh University he obtained his M.A. degree, with honors in mathematics in 1935, and became a lecturer at S.G.W.C. that year. Since 1938 he was assistant professor. He was also a well-known Montreal amateur musician.

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Freshman Week — As Usual

ALTHOUGH they have lined up the usual number of activities to mark The 1951 Freshman Week, the students of Sir George Williams College this year have struck a new note which may mean a change in trend as these "frosh" events go.

It won't be all play and no work for the first two weeks of the college year, especially for the freshmen, who have been pledged to devote a half day on Thursday, Oct. 11, to a work project to be designated by Welfare Federation of Montreal.

However, on Oct. 3, the annual Freshman Week got off with the usual flying start. There was a "smoker" for the men and a gathering for the women, followed by a tea dance in Budge Hall. The follow-

ing day was designated as "Sports Day", with golf, tennis, and badminton tournaments scheduled. In addition, Prof. W. R. Fraser, Canadian checkers champion, was to take on 20 freshmen at once in a checkers match.

The frosh were to try their skill at basketball against the upperclassmen on Oct. 5, and on Oct. 9 an exhibition basketball game was scheduled. On Oct. 9, also, a Clubs Rally was to be held, followed by a books exchange. Following their Red Feather work project, the freshmen were to hear a talk by George Ratterman, Montreal Alouettes football star. Freshman Week was to conclude on Oct. 12 with a "Frosh Trial" — to punish those who don't live up to the special rules for freshman conduct — and a dance.

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From the Board of Governors

REGISTRATION for the 1951-52 session of Sir George Williams College, as of going to press time, was considerably ahead of last year in Sir George Williams College and Schools.

This was reported at the September meeting of the college Board of Governors, on which the representative of the Association of Alumni is Kenneth Campbell. At the same time, it was reported that the summer session just closed was the largest in the history of the college.

Dr. Kenneth E. Norris, principal, in his report said that enrolment in the 1951 summer session, in college and schools, had reached 1,586, and that 5,721 students had been registered in the college and schools during the 1950-51 session.

As returning students have noticed, Ernest E. Stabler is back to his desk as

assistant dean of the college after a two years' absence. But call him "Doctor" now, for he received a doctorate degree in education from Harvard University during his leave of absence. Strangely enough, he went to the United States to write a thesis on education in England at the turn of this century!

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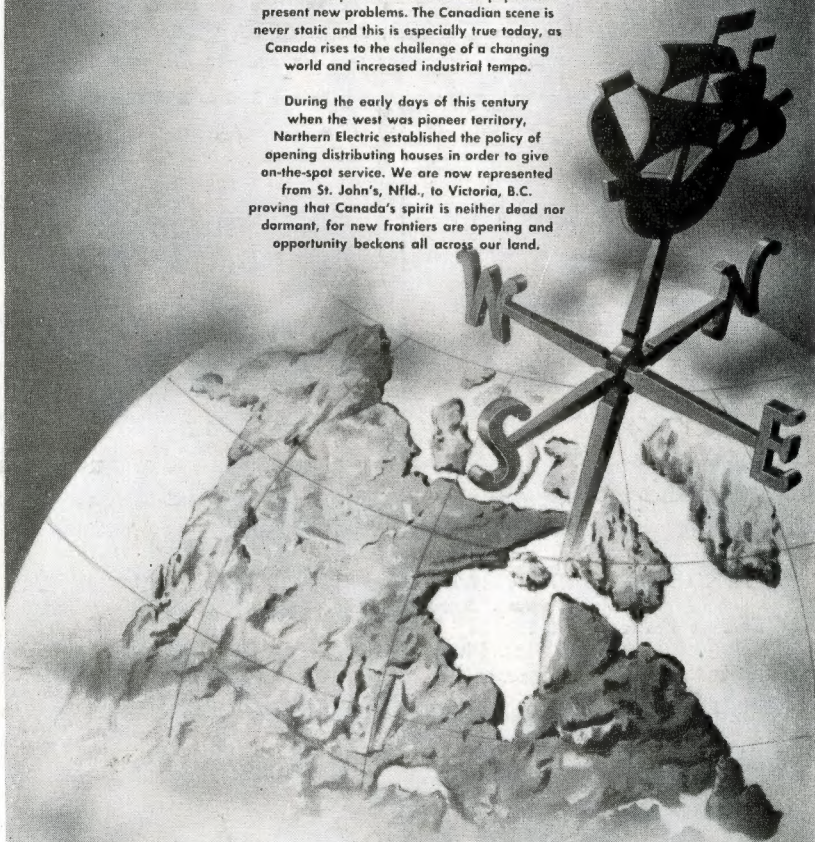
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